

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

In the Matter of:

Buick-GMC Truck, and Nissan
of Thousand Oaks
3755 Auto Mall Drive
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

ID No. CAD 981397417

Respondent.

Docket HWCA 01/02-3022

CONSENT ORDER

Health and Safety Code
Section 25187

The State Department of Toxic Substances Control
(Department) and Buick-GMC Truck, and Nissan of Thousand Oaks,
Inc. (Respondent) enter into this Consent Order and agree as
follows:

1. Respondent generates hazardous waste at 3755 Auto
Mall Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 (Site).
2. The Department inspected the Site on August 17,
2001.
3. The Department alleges the following violations:
 - 3.1. The Respondent violated Health and Safety Code
Section 25160, subdivision (b)(3) and California Code of
Regulations, title 22 section 66262.42, subsection (a), in

that on 4 occasions, on or about February 17, 1998 through July 25, 2000, Respondent failed to contact the transporter or the owner or operator of the designated facility, within 35 days of the date waste was accepted by the initial transporter to determine the status of the hazardous waste after not receiving a copy of the manifest with the handwritten signature of the owner or operator of the designated facility.

3.2. The Respondent violated Health and Safety Code section 25160, subdivision (b)(3) and California Code of regulations, title 22, section 66262.42, subsection (b), in that on 2 occasions, on or about February 17, 1998 through July 25, 2000, Respondent failed to submit an Exception Report to the Department when Respondent did not receive a copy of the manifest with the handwritten signature of the owner or operator of the designated facility within 45 days of the date the waste was accepted by the initial transporter.

3.3. The respondent violated Health and Safety Code section 25163, subdivision (a)(1) that on or about one occasion on July 25, 2000, Respondent transferred custody of a hazardous waste to a transporter who does not hold a valid registration issued by the Department.

4. A dispute exists regarding the alleged violations.

5. The parties wish to avoid the expense of litigation and to ensure prompt compliance.

6. Jurisdiction exists pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25187.

7. Respondent waives any right to a hearing in this matter.

8. This Consent Order shall constitute full settlement of the violations alleged above, but does not limit the Department from taking appropriate enforcement action concerning other violations.

9. Respondent admits violations 3.1 through 3.3 above.

SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE

10. Respondent shall comply with the following:

10.1. Effective immediately, Respondent shall transfer custody of a hazardous waste only to a transporter who holds a valid registration issued by the Department.

10.2. Submittals: All submittals from Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order shall be sent to:

Florence Gharibian, Branch Chief
Statewide Compliance Division
Department of Toxic Substances Control
1011 North Grandview Avenue
Glendale, California 91201

10.3. Communications: All approvals and decisions of the Department made regarding such submittals and notifications shall be communicated to Respondent in writing by a Branch Chief, Department of Toxic Substances Control, or his/her designee. No informal advice, guidance, suggestions, or comments by the Department regarding reports, plans, specifications, schedules, or any other writings by Respondent shall be construed to relieve Respondent of its obligation to obtain such formal approvals as may be required.

10.4. Department Review and Approval: If the Department determines that any report, plan, schedule, or other document submitted for approval pursuant to this Consent Order fails to comply with the Order or fails to protect public health or safety or the environment, the Department may return the document to Respondent with recommended changes and a date by which Respondent must submit to the Department a revised document incorporating the recommended changes.

10.5. Compliance with Applicable Laws: Respondent shall carry out this Order in compliance with all local, State, and federal requirements, including but not limited to requirements to obtain permits and to assure worker safety.

10.6. Endangerment during Implementation: In the event that the Department determines that any circumstances or activity (whether or not pursued in compliance with this

Consent Order) are creating an imminent or substantial endangerment to the health or welfare of people on the site or in the surrounding area or to the environment, the Department may order Respondent to stop further implementation for such period of time as needed to abate the endangerment. Any deadline in this Consent Order directly affected by a Stop Work Order under this section shall be extended for the term of such Stop Work Order.

10.7. Liability: Nothing in this Consent Order shall constitute or be construed as a satisfaction or release from liability for any conditions or claims arising as a result of past, current, or future operations of Respondent, except as provided in this Consent Order. Notwithstanding compliance with the terms of this Consent Order, Respondent may be required to take further actions as are necessary to protect public health or welfare or the environment.

10.8. Site Access: Access to the Site shall be provided at all reasonable times to employees, contractors, and consultants of the Department, and any agency having jurisdiction. Nothing in this Consent Order is intended to limit in any way the right of entry or inspection that any agency may otherwise have by operation of any law. The Department and its authorized representatives may enter and move freely about all property at the Site at all reasonable

times for purposes including but not limited to: inspecting records, operating logs, and contracts relating to the Site; reviewing the progress of Respondent in carrying out the terms of this Consent Order; and conducting such tests as the Department may deem necessary. Respondent shall permit such persons to inspect and copy all records, documents, and other writings, including all sampling and monitoring data, in any way pertaining to work undertaken pursuant to this Consent Order.

10.9. Sampling, Data, and Document Availability:

Respondent shall permit the Department and its authorized representatives to inspect and copy all sampling, testing, monitoring, and other data generated by Respondent or on Respondent's behalf in any way pertaining to work undertaken pursuant to this Consent Order. Respondent shall allow the Department and its authorized representatives to take duplicates of any samples collected by Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order. Respondent shall maintain a central depository of the data, reports, and other documents prepared pursuant to this Consent Order. All such data, reports, and other documents shall be preserved by Respondent for a minimum of six years after the conclusion of all activities under this Consent Order. If the Department requests that some or all of these documents be preserved for a longer period of time,

Respondent shall either comply with that request, deliver the documents to the Department, or permit the Department to copy the documents prior to destruction. Respondent shall notify the Department in writing at least six months prior to destroying any documents prepared pursuant to this Consent Order.

10.10. Government Liabilities: The State of California shall not be liable for injuries or damages to persons or property resulting from acts or omissions by Respondent or related parties specified in paragraph 12.3, in carrying out activities pursuant to this Consent Order, nor shall the State of California be held as a party to any contract entered into by Respondent or its agents in carrying out activities pursuant to this Consent Order.

10.11. Incorporation of Plans and Reports: All plans, schedules, and reports that require Department approval and are submitted by Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order are incorporated in this Consent Order upon approval by the Department.

10.12. Extension Requests: If Respondent is unable to perform any activity or submit any document within the time required under this Consent Order, the Respondent may, prior to expiration of the time, request an extension of time in

writing. The extension request shall include a justification for the delay.

10.13. Extension Approvals: If the Department determines that good cause exists for an extension, it will grant the request and specify in writing a new compliance schedule.

PAYMENTS

11. Within 30 days of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall pay the Department a total of \$14,000, of which \$5,000 is a credit towards compliance school for environmental credit. Respondent shall submit to DTSC a certificate showing Modules I - IV were completed within 185 days of the date the Order is signed. Respondent shall commence payment of \$9,000 in the following three installments.

First payment of \$3,000 due July 1, 2002

Second payment of \$2,000 due October 1, 2002

Third payment of \$2,000 due January 1, 2003

Respondent's checks shall be made payable to Department of Toxic Substances Control, and shall be delivered together with the attached Payment Voucher to:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
Accounting Office
1001 I Street, 21st floor
P. O. Box 806

Sacramento, California 95812-0806

A photocopy of the checks shall be sent to:

Florence Gharibian, Branch Chief
Statewide Compliance Division
Department of Toxic Substances Control
1011 North Grandview Avenue
Glendale, California 91201

Office of Legal Counsel
Department of Toxic Substances Control
1001 I Street, 23rd floor
P. O. Box 806
Sacramento, California 95812-0806

Respondent hereby agrees to send an employee to the specified California Compliance School (Modules I - IV). Attendance must be completed and the Respondent must submit a Certificate of Satisfactory completion issued by the California Compliance School to the Department of Toxic Substances Control within 185 days of the date of this Order. In recognition of this educational investment, the penalty imposed by this Order has been reduced by \$5,000 if the employee satisfactorily completes the specified modules and the Department receives the Certificate of Satisfactory Completion within 185 days of the effective date of this Order.

If Respondent fails to submit the certificate as required the penalty of \$5,000 is due and payable within 30 days after the 185 day period expires. The 185-day period may be extended by

a DTSC Branch Chief upon a written request demonstrating good cause from the Respondent.

If Respondent fails to make payment as provided above, Respondent agrees to pay interest at the rate established pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25360.1 and to pay all costs incurred by the Department in pursuing collection including attorney's fees.

OTHER PROVISIONS

12.1. Additional Enforcement Actions: By agreeing to this Consent Order, the Department does not waive the right to take further enforcement actions, except to the extent provided in this Consent Order.

12.2. Penalties for Noncompliance: Failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Order may subject Respondent to civil penalties and/or punitive damages for any costs incurred by the Department or other government agencies as a result of such failure, as provided by Health and Safety Code section 25188 and other applicable provisions of law.

12.3. Parties Bound: This Consent Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and its officers, directors, agents, receivers, trustees, employees, contractors, consultants, successors, and assignees, including but not

limited to individuals, partners, and subsidiary and parent corporations, and upon the Department and any successor agency that may have responsibility for and jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Consent Order.

12.4. Effective Date: The effective date of this Consent Order is the date it is signed by the Department.

12.5. Integration: This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and may not be amended, supplemented, or modified, except as provided in this agreement.

Dated: 06/24/2002

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY RESPONDENT
Signature of Respondent's
Representative

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY BOB CAUSER SERVICE MANAGER
Typed or Printed Name and
Title of Respondents
Representative

Dated: 06/26/2002

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY FLORENCE GHARIBIAN

Florence Gharibian, Branch Chief

Statewide Compliance Division
Department of Toxic Substances Control